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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

FARHANG ET AL.

Examiner

Keith T. Ferguson

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffith et al. in view of Griffith et al. in view of Saunders et al., newly recited reference.

Regarding claim 1, Griffith et al. discloses a method (fig. 5), comprising the steps of assigning a first number (538-3901) to a mobile station (112) that upon location of the mobile station at a first location (103) allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number (col. 2 lines 54-58); and assigning a second number (538-1902) to the mobile station (112) that upon location of the mobile station at a second location (104) allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the second number (col. 3 lines 10-16), wherein the second number (538-1902) differs from the first

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number (538-1901) , wherein the second location (104) differs from the first location (103) (location 103 and location 104) (col. 3 lines 1-35). Griffith et al. differs from claim 1 of the present invention in that it does not disclose assigning permanent first and second numbers to a mobile station; assigning permanent user zones and temporary user zones to the mobile station; employing the first permanent number for a connection when located in a first location; and employing the second permanent number for a connection when located in a second location or temporary zone. Saunders et al. teaches a communication device (fig. 1 number 12) comprising a plurality of number assignment modules (NAMs) (col. 5 lines 34-55); each NAM comprising a first mobile identification number (MIN1) (permanent number) assigned to a first network (fig. 1 number 14) and a second mobile identification number (MIN2) (permanent number) assigned to a second network (fig. 1 number 16) stored within its memory (col. 5 lines 11-55); employing the first (NAM/MIN1) for a connection when located in a first location (home site) (col. 4 lines 35-54); and employing the second (NAM/MIN2) permanent number for a connection when located in a second location or temporary zone (visitor or roam system) (col. 4 lines 35-54). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Griffith et al. method with assigning permanent first and second numbers to a mobile station; assigning permanent user zones and temporary user zones to the mobile station; employing the first permanent number for a connection when located in a first location; and employing the second permanent number for a connection when located in a second location or temporary zone in order for the wireless terminal to have assigned telephone numbers when working at multiple locations, which saves the wireless switching system processing and resources by not having to reassign telephone numbers to the wireless terminal based upon its location, as taught by Saunders et al..

Regarding claim 2, Griffith et al. discloses the step of selecting the second location to comprise a location that is noncontiguous (separate location or different room) with the first Location (fig. 1 number 103 and 104).

Regarding claim 3, Griffith et al. discloses the step of selecting the first number to correspond to a first user zone

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that comprises the first location (col. 2 lines 54-58); and the step of selecting the second number to correspond to a second user zone that comprises the second location (col. 3 lines 10-18), wherein the second user zone differs from the first user zone (separate locations or different rooms) (fig. 1 number 103 and 104).

Regarding claim 5, Griffith et al. discloses the step of selecting the second number to allow only calls that employ the second number (538-1902) to be, contemporaneously with location of the mobile station in a temporary user zone (based upon the fix unit in area 104) that comprises the second location, originated and/or terminated in the temporary user zone (based upon the fix unit in area 104) (col. 2 lines 26-58 and col. 3 lines 1-34).

Regarding claim 7, Griffith et al. discloses step of assigning a particular number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at any one of a plurality of locations allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the particular number (fig. 2 and col. 3 lines 1-26), wherein the particular number differs from the first number, wherein each location of the plurality of locations differs from the first location (fig. 2 and col. 3 lines 1-26).

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffith et al. in view of Saunders et al. as applied to claim 1 above and in further view of Bansal et al..

Regarding claim 4, the combination of Griffith et al. and Saunders et al. differs from claim 4 of the present invention in that they do not explicit disclose the step of selecting a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number. Bansal et al. teaches the step of selecting a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number (col. 5 lines 40-56 and col. 6 lines 1-12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the combination of Griffith et al. and Saunders et al. with the step of selecting a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number in order to save money based upon a calling plan between the wireless terminal and its carrier, as taught by Bansal et al..

6. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffith et al. in view of Saunders et al. as applied to claim 1 above and in further view of in view of Chavez, Jr..

Regarding claim 6, the combination of Griffith et al. and Saunders et al. differs from claim 6 of the present invention in that they do not disclose the step of directing to voice mail, upon location of the mobile station at the second location, a call that employs the first number. Chavez, Jr. Teaches the step of directing to voice mail, upon location of the mobile station at the second location (wireless terminal leaves first location), a call that employs the first number (col. 5 lines 34-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the combination of Griffith et al. and Saunders et al. with the step of directing to voice mail, upon location of the mobile station at the second location, a call that employs the first number in order for the wireless terminal to replay the first number message and decide whether to respond to the message, as taught by Chavez, Jr..

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**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Keith T. Ferguson whose telephone number is (703) 305-4888. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (703) 308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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